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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Human resources management" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 15th and 17th meetings, on 17 November and 3 December 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/64/SR.15 and 17).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on provisional Staff Rules (A/64/230);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of continuing appointments (A/64/267);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on his practice in disciplinary matters and possible criminal behaviour from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/64/269);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office (A/64/316);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat (A/64/352);

(f) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions related to documents (a) to (e) above (A/64/518).

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II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/64/L.9

4. At its 17th meeting, on 3 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Provisional Staff Rules" (A/C.5/64/L.9), submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Bangladesh.

5. At the same meeting, before consideration of the draft decision, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management made a statement.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/64/L.9 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the stabilization and association process countries and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro, as well as Ukraine and Armenia which aligned themselves with the statement) and the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Provisional Staff Rules

The General Assembly decides that the Staff Rules, as referred to in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] shall remain provisional pending their further consideration at its sixty-fifth session.

[1] A/64/230.